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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the pending claims with the following listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compression garment for compressing a portion of a body of a patient, the compression garment comprising:

a garment body comprising:

an outer layer;

an inner layer secured to the outer layer, the inner layer at least partially bounding a channel adapted to receive a portion of a body of a patient, the inner layer comprising:

a backing comprising a woven fabric sheet or a perforated polymeric sheet having an interior surface facing the channel; and

a plurality of spaced apart pressure projections extending from the backing toward the channel, the pressure projections being woven into the woven fabric sheet ~~integrally formed with or mounted on the backing~~, the plurality of spaced apart pressure projections comprising a plurality of elongated ribs bounding a plurality of spaced apart recessed flow paths; and

a layer of compressible cushioning material disposed between the outer layer and the inner layer.

2. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 1, wherein the garment body comprises a tubular sleeve adapted to receive an arm or leg of the patient.

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3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) A compression garment as recited in claim [[3]] 1, wherein the inner layer comprises a corduroy fabric.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 1, further comprising a cover layer mounted to the inner layer so as to directly cover the pressure projections.
8. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 7, wherein the cover layer comprises a sheet of resiliently stretchable material.
9. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of compression straps secured to or encircling the garment body.
10. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 1, wherein the inner layer does not comprise a polymeric foam.

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11. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 1, wherein the garment body has an interior surface and an exterior surface with a maximum non-compressed thickness extending therebetween in a range between about 0.5 cm and about 2 cm.

12. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 1, wherein the outer layer is comprised of a sheet of woven fabric material.

13. (Currently Amended) A compression garment for compressing at least a portion of an arm or a leg of a patient, the compression garment comprising:

a body having a substantially tubular configuration or having the form of a panel that can be selectively rolled into a substantially tubular configuration, the body comprising:

an outer layer;

an inner layer secured to the outer layer, the inner layer at least partially bounding an elongated channel adapted to receive at least a portion of an arm or a leg of a patient, the inner layer comprising:

a woven fabric sheet having an interior surface facing the channel;

and

plurality of spaced apart pressure projections extending from the fabric sheet toward the channel, the pressure projections comprising brushed cotton, a brushed polymeric material, woven fabric, or piled fabric being integrally formed with or mounted secured on the fabric sheet, the pressure projections ~~being integrally formed with or mounted on the backing, the~~

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plurality of spaced apart pressure projections bounding a plurality of spaced apart recessed flow paths; and

a layer of resiliently compressible foam disposed between the outer layer and the inner layer; and

means for constricting at least a portion of the body when the body is in the at least substantially tubular configuration.

14. (Previously Presented) A compression garment as recited in claim 13, wherein the pressure projections are woven into the woven fabric sheet.

15. (Previously Presented) A compression garment as recited in claim 14, wherein the inner layer comprises a corduroy fabric.

16. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 13, wherein the pressure projections are mounted onto to the woven fabric sheet.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A compression garment as recited in claim 13, wherein the pressure projections do not comprise[[s]] polymeric foam.

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19. (Currently Amended) A compression garment as recited in claim 13, further comprising ~~[[an]]~~ a cover layer mounted on the inner layer so as to directly cover the pressure projections.

20. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 13, wherein the means for constricting at least a portion of the body comprises a plurality of compression straps secured to or encircling the garment body.

21. (Previously Presented) A compression garment as recited in claim 13, wherein the means for constricting at least a portion of the body comprises a resiliently stretchable tubular sock that is selectively pulled over the body.

22. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 13, wherein the body comprises:

a tubular sleeve configured to receive an arm of the patient; and

a tubular hand portion configured to receive a hand of the patient.

23. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 22, wherein the tubular sleeve has a thickness and the tubular hand portion has a thickness that is greater than the thickness of the tubular sleeve.

24.-27. (Cancelled)

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28. (Currently Amended) A compression garment system for compressing at least a portion of an arm or a leg of a patient, the compression garment system comprising:

a body having a substantially tubular configuration or having the form of a panel that can be selectively rolled into a substantially tubular configuration, the body having an exterior surface and an opposing interior surface, the interior surface bounding a channel configured to receive at least a portion of an arm or a leg of a patient, the inner layer being comprised of a corduroy material;

a plurality of compression straps removably disposed on the exterior surface of the body, each compression strap being configured to selectively constrict around the body when the body is in the substantially tubular configuration; and

a tubular compression sock comprised of a resiliently stretchable material, the compression sock being configured to encircle at least a portion of the body when the body is in the substantially tubular configuration so as to radially inwardly compress the body when the compression straps are removed from the body.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) A compression garment system as recited in claim 29, wherein the body comprises an outer layer secured to the inner layer, the outer layer comprising a sheet of woven fabric.

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32. (Original) A compression garment system as recited in claim 31, further comprising a layer of polymeric foam disposed between the inner layer and the outer layer.

33. (Currently Amended) A compression garment for compressing at least a portion of an arm or a leg of a patient, the compression garment comprising:

a body comprising:

a sleeve having a substantially tubular configuration or having the form of a panel that can be selectively rolled into a substantially tubular configuration, the sleeve having an exterior surface and an opposing interior surface, the interior surface bounding a channel configured to receive at least a portion of an arm or a leg of a patient; and

a terminal portion having a proximal end and a distal end mounted at an end of the sleeve, the terminal portion having an interior surface encircling a channel adapted to receive a hand or foot of the patient, the terminal portion being configured to apply progressive pressure along the length of the hand or the foot when received therein without the use of an external pressure force, wherein the progressive pressure increases the pressure from the proximal end to the distal end of the terminal portion, the body having an inner layer comprised of a corduroy material; and

a means for constricting at least a portion of the body, the means for constricting comprising:

a plurality of compression straps connected to or removably disposed on the exterior surface of the sleeve, each of the compression straps being configured to

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selectively constrict around the sleeve when the compression sleeve is in the substantially tubular configuration; or

a tubular compression sock comprised of a resiliently stretchable material that can be selectively pulled over the body.

34. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 33, wherein no compression straps are mounted on or encircle the terminal portion of the body.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) A compression garment as recited in claim ~~[[35]]~~ 33, wherein the body comprises an outer layer secured to the inner layer, the outer layer comprising a sheet of woven fabric.

38. (Original) A compression garment as recited in claim 37, further comprising a layer of polymeric foam disposed between the inner layer and the outer layer.

39. (Cancelled)

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40. (Currently Amended) A compression garment as recited in claim [[3]] 1, further comprising a tubular compression sock comprised of a resiliently stretchable material that can be selectively pulled over the garment body.

41. (New) A compression garment for compressing a portion of a body of a patient, the compression garment comprising:

a garment body comprising:

an outer layer;

an inner layer secured to the outer layer, the inner layer at least partially bounding a channel adapted to receive a portion of a body of a patient, the inner layer comprising:

a backing comprising a woven fabric sheet or a perforated polymeric sheet having an interior surface facing the channel; and

a plurality of spaced apart pressure projections extending from the backing toward the channel, the pressure projections being integrally formed with or mounted on the backing, the plurality of spaced apart pressure projections bounding a plurality of spaced apart recessed flow paths;

a layer of compressible cushioning material disposed between the outer layer and the inner layer; and

a cover layer mounted to the inner layer so as to directly cover the pressure projections.